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THE RIVER FARM FOR SALE COLORADO COUNTY.

IN is now offered by me in the sale of my farm of
hundred and Fifty Acres,

fronting on the Colorado river, three miles from Columbus, the county seat, and in a high state of cultivation—235 acres cleared, cultivated and under a first-class stake and rider fence. The land is as high as any on the river, and above all ordinary overflows—only submerged when the entire valley is flooded—which is not more, according to past experience, than once in twenty years. The farm is divided into two separate fields, equal in size, not under the same fencing. Gates communicate at all needful points. Improvements consist of a Frame Dwelling, a Gin House, with Iron Screw Press, Crib and seven Tenant Houses. A fine Peach Orchard and two good wells. For the greater part of the year the river is fordable, with not over two feet of water immediately opposite the dwelling—shortening the distance to town by one mile. The place is three miles from town by way of the iron bridge. The land rents readily, and is now stocked with good colored tenants, who pay \$5 per acre. All the land not under fence is covered with a heavy growth of fine timber. The land, with deep plowing, and cultivated in a farmer-like manner, is warranted to produce 1800 pounds of seed cotton to the acre, and from 50 to 60 bushels of corn. The range for hogs is unsurpassed. And this business pays largely in Colorado county. Good tenants can always be obtained from the large negro population in Colorado county, who are industrious and law-abiding. Title to the premises is clear, and will be warranted. I sell the property because professional duties will not allow me to give the farm my personal attention.

TERMS:

One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, the balance on long time, to suit purchaser. For further particulars address

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I HAVE
50,000 Acres of Choice Lands,
IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED IN
Colorado, Lavaca, Fayette, Austin, Wharton, Matagorda, Bee and
LIVE-OAK COUNTIES

for sale, comprising many of the richest and most productive plantations,
and valuable stock farms in South-western Texas.

I feel satisfied that I can suit all parties in quality, quantity, price and
terms.

Correspondence solicited from all sections of the country. Call and see
me before purchasing elsewhere.

ROWAN GREEN.



COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS.

BY MAJOR ROWAN GREEN.

TEXAS is a large State, and her future greatness consists in her agricultural and mineral development. It has an area of 274,356 square miles, being greater than that of any other State in the American Union; about six times as great as that of New York, and four times as large as Alabama or Georgia. Her greatest length from the mouth of the Rio Grande to the north-west corner is about eight hundred and twenty-five miles; her greatest breadth is about seven hundred and forty miles. Her soils and climate are well adapted to the cultivation of sugar, corn, cotton, wheat, oats, rye, barley, millet, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruits and vegetables, and the most of these will find their way into the great arteries of commerce abroad; and in a short time we will become a strong manufacturing and commercial people, exporting many of the articles we now import; and

COLORADO COUNTY,

with her rich, alluvial soils and healthy climate, is destined to be the Banner County of the Lone Star State.

Colorado county is situated on either side of the Colorado river, and has an area of nine hundred and five square miles. It is bounded on the North by Fayette county, on the South by Wharton, on the East by Austin, and on the West by Lavaca. It is about one-fourth of a degree below latitude 30°. Colorado is about sixty or seventy miles from the Gulf coast, and was settled in the early history of Texas; and now some of the old pioneers who fought and bled for Texas independence are here, enjoying peace, health and plenty, the fruits of their hard-earned rewards.

The face of the country presents a beautiful undulating level, with natural drainage for all purposes. There are but few or no lagoons or stagnant pools of water in this county; consequently, the people are quite healthy.

THE HEALTH

of this county is good; indeed, as healthy as any in the State. A more robust and healthy-looking people cannot be found in or out of Texas than the people of Colorado county. The strong Gulf breeze renders the nights and days in summer pleasant and refreshing to all. Shattered constitutions, and persons with weak lungs, or predisposed to consumption, are here restored to health by our genial and healthy climate. The climate is healthy at all seasons of the year, it being sufficiently near the Gulf of Mexico (seventy miles) to enjoy the exhilarating breezes in summer, and modifying influences in winter. If you desire health and plenty, together with a long life on earth, we would advise you to come to Colorado county, Texas, and purchase a home as soon as possible. You never will regret the move, if you take this advice—your only regret will be that you did not come sooner.

THE SEASONS

are sufficiently regular, and marked by summer's heat and winter's cold, by the gentle zephyrs of spring, and the still, mellow, autumnal days and frosty nights, to render a pleasing variety to the course of the year.

DROUGHTS

are scarcely ever felt or seen in this portion of Texas. The history of the county for the past half century shows that few droughts have ever visited this county; and we never had a drought during the memory of man which destroyed our crops entirely, our farmers always making a sufficiency in the dryest years. This cannot be said of all other portions of the State. These rich, alluvial soils of the bottoms, and productive lands of the prairies of Colorado, are the Egypt of Texas, and they ever will be. Corporation and Land Monopolies, and their Agents, (who never saw the country,) may *prate* to you otherwise, for selfish motives, but these are facts; and, to prove them true, we invite you to visit Colorado county, and satisfy yourselves. As you go farther North-east and North-west, you find the country more broken, that the limestone rock protrudes near the surface of the earth, and frequently cropping out here and there, the soil covering the rock being too thin and shallow in many places, rendering the country more or less dry and

droughty, and farming interests more or less uncertain. Our Colorado soils, being from ten to thirty feet deep, are inexhaustible, and free from droughts. The industrious farmer, who has the *will* and *independence* to cultivate these Colorado lands, though poor at first, will soon find himself an *Independent Sovereign of the Soil*.

We feel that we are able to invite the industrious and honest immigrant to as fine a country as the sun ever shone upon, or a "crow ever flew over," and one with as few evils and objections as can be found in the State.

SOILS.

We have quite a variety of soils in this county, consisting of the light sandy, black sandy, black waxy or hog-wallow prairie, the gray shell land of the prairie, and the alluvial soil of the river bottoms. There is also a great deal of the wild peach land in this county. All these soils are quite productive. Bordering the Colorado river there is much alluvial bottom, which it has taken untold ages to accumulate from the *debris* of the more mountainous regions of the State. The alluvial lands in the county are very rich and productive, and well adapted to the culture of cotton, corn, sugar-cane, rice, oats, millet, potatoes, (sweet and Irish,) melons, pumpkins, peas, vines and vegetables of all varieties. The alluvial bottoms in this county vary from three to six miles wide, and here can be seen some of the richest, most beautiful and productive farms in America.

Colorado county is one of the best counties in the State for farming and agricultural purposes. Colorado, Lavaca, Fayette, Austin and Wharton are the cream counties of Texas, and emigrants seeking permanent homes for themselves and families, will do well to examine these counties before purchasing elsewhere. Nature has met the requirements here with lavish hand, for these soils are rich and productive beyond description. The prairie lands are beautiful, sloping gently South and South-west, are quite productive, and will soon be dotted over with well-improved farms, for this is a Paradise for the small, industrious, as well as the large farmer. Many emigrants from New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio and Wisconsin are moving into this county, besides from all the Southern States. Industrious immigrants can find no better lands in the State to settle upon, and build for themselves prosperous and beautiful homes. We know of

no lands in Texas, when well cultivated, where the industrious farmer is so well repaid for his toil and labor.

In purchasing land in this county, the purchaser can always obtain as long time as he may wish to pay for his land. By this advantageous arrangement, all can secure homes for themselves and their families; and, with a little industry, economy and frugality bestowed, their homes can be paid for in a short time.

DEPTH OF SOIL.

The alluvial lands of Colorado river will average from ten to twenty feet in depth, and of course are inexhaustible. The prairie lands are from two to five feet deep. The bottom lands are covered with forests of gigantic oaks, elms, ash, cotton-wood, pecan, hickory, willow, walnut, mulberry, wild peach and cane-brakes. The cane and wild peach lands are considered the best for cultivation by our farmers; and these soils have been so nicely compounded and proportioned in the great laboratory of the God of Nature, that no soils in the world are equal to them for the production of cotton, corn, sugar, oats, peas, sweet and Irish potatoes, melons, grasses and vegetables of all kinds.

TIMBER.

There is an abundance of timber in this county for building and fencing purposes, consisting of the Post-oak, Live-oak, Pin-oak, Water-oak, Burr-oak, Hickory, Pecan, Black-jack, Elm, Ash, Walnut, Cedar, Wild China, Wild Peach, Cypress, Sycamore, Willow, Mulberry, Cotton-Wood, Holly and other varieties, also, a small amount of the short-leaf Pine is to be found in this county. The timbered land is about equally divided in this county, and so well arranged by nature, that all are convenient to timber.

FISH

abound in our Rivers, Creeks and Lakes in great quantity and variety, and consist principally of Trout, Perch, Cat, Buffalo, Gaspergou, Black Bass and other varieties.

STOCK COUNTRY.

The stock business is one in which a large or small capital can be employed with like certainty of success, and not like some others,

which cannot be conducted beneficially without a large capital. It is a business requiring but little skill, nor is the care and labor continuous. It is a profitable business which soon converts the unclaimed and exhaustless herbage of the wide-spread prairie commons into money, through the quiet instrumentality of the roving herds of cattle; and as a stock country, for hogs, cattle and sheep, Colorado county is unsurpassed. Hogs do well here, and increase rapidly, requiring but little corn during the fall, as they keep fat on the large mast of pecans, acorns and hickory nuts. Our bottoms and prairies in the spring and summer, and mostly through all winter, are covered with the finest grass for pasturage. The wild rye is found in abundance in the bottoms and cattle are quite fond of it; and here is found also, the famous mesquit grass, deservedly renowned for its abundance and nutritious qualities. During the winter season, after it has become sere and yellow by the "bleak winds of December" cattle and horses will eat it with the same avidity and benefit as when green.

During the spring and summer our beautiful prairies are covered with thick, soft, nutritious grass, and crowned with groves of noble live-oaks, and the numerous streams of clear running water afford every advantage for stock, and stock-raising.

This county is rapidly filling up with intelligent and substantial people, men of capital, liberality and enterprise, who are taking much interest in building up schools and churches, to meet the great increasing necessities of the country. It will be well for emigrants with plenty of money to look at this county before buying elsewhere.

COLUMBUS.

Columbus is the county seat of Colorado county, and situated on the West bank of the Colorado river. It is a most beautiful, sandy location. It is generally conceded to be the most handsome city in the interior of Texas. It is delightfully shaded along her public walks and streets, by transplanted trees of walnut and hackberry. Surrounding the Courthouse in the Public Square is a delightful grove of walnut and hackberry; also through the city are found the grand and stately live-oaks, left as nature planted them, giving a cool and refreshing shade in summer to man and beast, and lend a picturesque charm to the prospect, and beautify the location. The Courthouse is quite a substantial two-story sand-stone building. One-half mile North of the Courthouse is one of the most beautiful

live-oak groves in Texas, and admirably adapted for the exhibition of County Fairs, and other public demonstrations, and for which purpose it is now used.

HEALTH OF COLUMBUS.

The following are the names of persons (white) living in the incorporate limits of Columbus over 50 years of age, and the year they came to Texas. For a city of 4000 inhabitants, (2500 white,) we defy any town or city in Texas, or out of it to exhibit such a record of health. There are 56 names and the average age is 61, and the average number of years they have lived in Texas, is about twenty-five. This record will convince any person that Columbus is one of the most healthy locations in Texas; and certainly the most beautiful.

NAMES.	AGE.	CAME TO TEXAS.	NAMES.	AGE.	CAME TO TEXAS.
Anderson, J. W.	68	1853	Jones, A.	82	1851
Arnold, John.	53	1849	Kantzer, F.	61	1868
Binkley, J. N.	51	1859	Kulow, H.	58	1846
Beck, M.	63	1851	Kier, T.	56	1867
Breeding, G. W.	56	1833	McDowell, M.	66	1859
Bowers, J. H.	59	1836	Nave, A. J.	51	1852
Byer, Beno.	55	1850	Newkirk, R.	62	1866
Burger, T. H.	53	1866	Obenchain, H. S.	64	1859
Coolgrove, U. C.	52	1847	Prause, A.	66	1854
Carlton, Jas.	79	1852	Rosenfield, John.	62	1848
Dunlavy, Alex.	58	1833	Simpson, J. H.	58	1852
Daniel, W. B.	54	1859	Sherril, Arthur.	67	1835
Daniel, Enos.	77	1857	Stoppel, A.	71	1852
Deweese, W. B.	78	1822	Schultz, F. G.	57	1836
Delany, S. D.	60	1876	Towell, Isaac.	65	1867
Delany, W. S.	51	1860	Thomas, C. W.	61	1840
Daniel, J. R.	51	1857	Thedin, Chris.	51	1852
Darden, W. J.	51	1846	Trainer, T.	64	1866
Fritz, C.	59	1860	Tait, C. W.	62	1844
Folts, J. C.	54	1852	Tooke, Dave.	58	1846
Garner, T. H.	79	1853	Toliver, John.	69	1838
Gloger, A. Sr.	66	1871	Townsend, Asa.	82	1841
Garrett, P. M.	71	1859	Whitfield, E. P.	59	1846
Halyard, G. B.	72	1837	Wallace, J. W. E.	80	1830
Harde, Theo.	56	1845	Wirtz, A. S.	55	1854
Hunt, W. G.	63	1831	Yancey, Wm.	65	1851
Jordt, Chas.	57	1836	Zwiegell, John.	58	1847

POPULATION.

Columbus contains a population of from three to four thousand souls.

BUSINESS HOUSES.

There are about thirty dry goods and grocery merchants in Columbus, and all driving a lively business.

Columbus has four churches for the whites, well organized and attended, and two churches for the blacks.

It has also one Masonic Hall, two Odd Fellows' Lodges, and two Encampments, one Grange, five Hotels, two Wagon Shops, for repairing and manufacturing purposes, three Saddle Shops, four Blacksmith Shops, two Livery Stables, two Lumber Yards, several Boarding and Eating Houses, two Bakery Shops, two Fruit Stores, four Physicians, one Dentist, eleven Lawyers, one Real Estate Agent, one live newspaper, *Colorado Citizen*, one Banking and Exchange House, two Furniture Establishments, one Tin and Stove House, two Beef Markets, where fat and juicy beef is dealt out to the inhabitants at five cents per pound, three Drug Stores, one Millinery, four Boot and Shoe shops, two Tailor shops and three Barber shops.

Many of the yards and gardens are tastefully laid off, and well supplied with rare and beautiful flowers.

Columbus is noted for its good and intelligent society, for its accomplished and beautiful ladies, its social and gallant gentlemen. As a business town, Columbus has no equal in South-western Texas.

The Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad passes through the center of the county.

SCHOOLS.

The College building for educational purposes is a large, commodious, four-story brick building, situated South-west of the Public Square, in a most convenient and beautiful portion of the City.

The Colorado Institute is located in this building under the administration of Prof. J. B. Winn. The Professor is a thorough scholar, a No. 1 educator, and competent to the task of training the young and tender minds. To those who have sons and daughters to educate, there is no better place than Columbus, in Texas, or a more healthy one. The county is law-abiding and church-going;

and next to the church the school is the greatest civilizer and the most effective adjunct and supporter of all constitutional law and order.

Columbus is well supplied with churches and schools, with able and efficient teachers, consequently there is no necessity for sending our sons and daughters away from home to be educated. Colorado county is well supplied with schools and churches, and the people everywhere are taking a lively interest in both.

DEPOTS.

The passenger and freight depots are located near the Public Square in the City of Columbus. There are other very important Railroad depots in this county, viz: Eagle Lake, Alleyton, Borden and Weimar.

These places are improving and growing rapidly, as they are surrounded by an excellent farming country, and being settled up by good and reliable citizens from the old States.

WEIMAR.

This is the most westernly Depot in this county, on the G., H. & S. A. Railroad; and is delightfully located upon a high rolling prairie, overlooking one of the best farming sections in America. There are no less than fifteen or twenty business houses in Weimar and her citizens are live, active and progressive. There are many good farmers in this portion of the county, and all in a prosperous condition. Weimar is fifteen miles from Columbus.

OSAGE

is also in the North-western portion of the county, five miles North of Weimar, and twelve miles from Columbus. It is surrounded by one of the best settlements in the county. The lands are very productive and well timbered and watered. The Osage Institute is located at this place and certainly one of the most desirable and healthy locations in the State for an institution of learning. The school is conducted by Major E. B. Carruth, who has a State reputation as a number one educator.

The number of students in this Institution are sixty-five, in regular attendance. Osage has a Church and Masonic Hall. Near the school (100 yards) is the noted Osage Springs, gushing from the rock in a bold stream. This water, as well as the Kessler Spring,

five miles from Columbus, possesses medicinal virtues, and the Springs are often resorted to for their curative powers.

CONTENT AND OAKLAND

are small thriving towns in the Western portion of the county, and surrounded by a productive country, a thriving and frugal people. The country is well watered and timbered. Content is about three miles from the G., H. & S. A. Railroad at Weimar, Oakland six miles.

FRELSBURG

is situated in the Northern portion of the county. It is a village of two hundred and fifty inhabitants, mostly Germans. The country surrounding this village is a most beautiful and fertile prairie and post-oak country, and settled up by honest and frugal Germans. This is a very desirable portion of the county for small farmers and stock-men. These Germans immigrated to Colorado county quite poor, several years ago, but now the most of them are well-to-do in life, and some are wealthy.

THE BERNARD SETTLEMENT

is in the North-east portion of the county, and composed mostly of industrious Germans, who settled this portion of the county many years ago, and built for themselves comfortable homes. This is a desirable portion of the county, and well supplied with schools, churches and store-houses. This settlement is about ten miles from Columbus, with good roads.

SANDIES.

The Sandies are in the extreme South-west corner of the county, and composed of East, Middle and West Sandy Creeks. There are some good settlements on the Sandies. The country is well watered and finely timbered, and is considered the best hog-range in Texas, and is one of the finest hunting grounds for the sportsman. Lands are cheap in this portion of the county.

LAKES.

There are three beautiful lakes in this county that abound with fish and duck, viz: Adkins' Lake, Eagle Lake and the Miller Lake.

ADKINS' LAKE

is six miles from Weimar Depot, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Osage Institute, and twelve miles from Columbus. The Lake is in the shape of a horse shoe, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long, two hundred and fifty yards wide, and about six feet deep. The country surrounding this Lake is quite rich, and finely timbered. Some of the most productive and valuable plantations in the county surround this Lake. Many people from adjoining counties visit this Lake for its fine fish.

EAGLE LAKE

Depot on the Railroad derives its name from this fine Lake. It is about one mile from the Depot, one mile wide, three miles long and sixteen or eighteen miles South-east from Columbus. Around this Lake the majestic live-oaks spread their branches far and wide, the earth is covered spring, summer and winter with green grasses, rendering the whole one grand, picturesque scene in nature. South of the Lake, and between the Lake and the Colorado river, are to be found one of the best farming countries in all Texas. Nature never brought together and compounded in her great laboratory a more fertile and productive soil. These lands before the war could have been sold for \$50 or \$100 gold per acre, are now only worth \$10 or \$15. These rich soils cannot remain at these low prices long. The Lake is much resorted to for its fine trout and perch. The prairies North, East and West of Eagle Lake Depot are undulating and productive. There are many fine plantations near this Lake; and the people are thriving and industrious. Many good citizens from Illinois and Pennsylvania are settling near this Lake.

MILLER'S LAKE

is eight miles South of Columbus, on the West side of the Colorado river, and affords fine fishing grounds. The country surrounding this Lake is quite productive, well watered and timbered; and many rich and well improved farms are to be seen.

ALLEYTON

is a small, thriving town, on the Railroad, three miles East of Columbus. It is surrounded by a good and rich country, and is being rapidly settled by kind and reliable citizens from all parts of the country. Many fine farms are to be seen near this Depot.

GAME.

Game is plentiful at all seasons of the year, and consists of the deer, turkey, wild goose, wild duck, mule-eared rabbit, prairie-chicken, quails, plover, snipe, curved bill curlew, coons, o'possums, the gray and eat squirrel, the wild spotted cat, and now and then a stray prairie wolf is found. The wild goose, duck and turkey are found in great numbers in the fall and winter. They soon become quite fat in the large corn and pea fields in this county, and are nice for table use.

SAND-STONE.

In the North and North-western portion of this county there is an abundance of the best quality of sand-stone, for fence and building purposes, and is easily obtained from the quarries.

THE COUNTY

is blessed with good schools, churches and society, and every surrounding to make the citizens and emigrants pleasant and comfortable. The people are intelligent, kind, generous, social and law-abiding. There is plenty of room in this county for several thousand good and industrious farmers with their families, and we extend the hand of welcome to all honest and industrious citizens, be they from the North, East, West or South, to settle in the rich, healthy and beautiful county of Colorado.

PRODUCTION PER ACRE.

The alluvial and chocolate lands of the bottoms and black sandy prairies, generally produce about twelve hundred pounds of seed cotton, and frequently one bale per acre; corn, from thirty-five to sixty bushels, and frequently eighty; sweet and Irish potatoes, from two hundred to five hundred bushels; sugar, one hogshead, two barrels syrup per acre; peas, fifty bushels; oats, thirty-five to forty bushels; millet, twenty to thirty bushels; pea-nuts, from one hundred to two hundred bushels.

LABOR

is becoming more and more reliable in this county. The immigration moving into this county every fall and winter will soon supply this great want. White labor is preferable, and always in demand.

PRICE OF LIVE STOCK.

Mules, horses and cattle are plentiful in this county, and can be bought at the following prices: Mules are worth from \$40 to \$65; horses from \$25 to \$100; oxen, per yoke, \$30 to \$50; milk cows, (Texas) \$10 to \$15; beef cattle, five years, old \$12 to \$18; hogs, one year old \$4 to \$10 per head, owing to quality and condition; sheep, (Texas,) \$2 to \$2.50. For the past few years much improved stock has been imported into this county from Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky and other Eastern States. Colorado county affords a fine range for hogs, and they are now being raised to great advantage and profit. The Poland China, Improved Berkshire, Essex and Suffolk can now be seen at many of the farm houses in this county. The hog certainly occupies a prominent place in every branch of domestic economy and commerce, and we earnestly hope in a few years not a pound of bacon or lard will be imported into this county, but the farmers will make their own bacon at home, and not depend upon Western bacon for plantation supplies.

PRICES OF LANDS.

The price of lands in this county varies according to location and quality. Lands in cultivation, well improved, near Columbus and on the Railroad, are worth from \$10 to \$25 per acre. Farther from market and Railroad facilities the lands are cheaper. Unimproved lands can be bought from \$1 to \$10 per acre. The improvement of lands by the various processes of fertilization is never resorted to in this county. There are many farms in this county that have been in cultivation from twenty to forty years without a year's rest, and not a pound of manure or fertilization of any kind has ever been placed upon it, and these very lands produce annually from forty to sixty-five bushels of corn per acre; cotton, sugar, peas, oats, millet, potatoes, &c., in proportion. The lands are rich, and the soil from ten to twenty feet deep, therefore inexhaustible.

GEORGE W. BREEDING

the acting and efficient agent at Columbus, has furnished us with the following facts in regard to the shipment on the G., H. & S. A. Railroad, &c., for the past twelve months, beginning July 1st, 1875, and ending June 30th, 1876:

9,831 bales of cotton.

123,500 pounds of hides.
1,635 pounds of wool.
10,600 pounds of broom straw.
5,175 pounds of moss.
525,700 pounds of merchandise.
6 cars of brick.
5 cars of corn.
158 cars of stock.

Received at Columbus Station the following amounts of freights,
from July 1st, 1875, to June 30th, 1876, inclusive:

228 car loads of lumber.
28 car loads of shingles.
50 car loads of flour.
10 car loads of salt.
7 car loads of beer.
4 car loads of grain.
4 car loads of live stock.
14 car load of manufactures.
3,058,000 pounds of merchandise.

EAGLE LAKE STATION, COLORADO COUNTY,

has shipped for the last twelve months 2,500 bales of cotton, besides
a great deal of live stock, grain, wool, broom straw, moss, &c.

ALLEYTON STATION, COLORADO COUNTY,

has for the last twelve months shipped 5,000 bales of cotton, besides
grain, wool, live stock, &c., in proportion.

BORDEN STATION, COLORADO COUNTY,

has shipped 200 bales of cotton.

WEIMAR STATION, COLORADO COUNTY,

has shipped for the past twelve months, ending January 1st, 1877:
6,584 bales of cotton.
5,150 bushels of corn.
172 car loads of live stock.
53,760 pounds of dry hides.
1,770 pounds of wool.
3,350 pounds of broom corn.

We regret that we failed to get the number of feet of lumber received at Weimar, for it amounts to a good many millions.

The above facts show that Colorado county is a live county, and settled up by men of energy and industry. We want a thousand and one good, industrious farmers to settle in our midst, and bring into cultivation these rich and productive lands. Colorado county will be made to bloom as the rose, and pour into the lap of commerce her millions of rich and valuable productions.

GRAPE COUNTRY.

There is no country on earth superior to Colorado county for grape growing. Most every variety of grapes do well. I have a variety of grapes in my garden, grafted upon the Mustang grape root, and some of them grew sixty feet during the summer of 1876. The wild Mustang grape grows to perfection on the rich bottom lands, and along the banks of the small streams, and, indeed, they are strong growers, and prolific bearers on the post-oak lands. The wine made from the Mustang grape is a beautiful dark claret in color, and delicious enough to make a lean, lank Frenchman smack his lips over it.

Hundreds of barrels of wine can be made from this grape every summer in this county that would prove a source of great profit. The Mustang vine is often seen in our bottoms measuring from six to ten inches in diameter, sufficiently large for fence rails, and are often used for that purpose. The attention of the horticulturist and fruit grower is especially invited to this county.

By grafting the best table and wine grape into the Mustang, a good vineyard is soon secured that will pay a handsome profit for the small amount of trouble and labor bestowed. We invite correspondence upon this subject, especially as a large fortune is near at hand for some enterprising person that will go into this business.

PROPERTY.

The assessed value of property in this county is about \$3,500,000. This county is out of debt, and it is our boast that our people are peaceful, prosperous, kind and generous.

TITLES TO LANDS

are good, generally with an unbroken chain from the government. Titles are easily traced from the government, and with ordinary dil-

igence and care, there can be no danger in buying lands in Colorado county. I would say, however, prudence and care are cardinal virtues in every transaction of life.

WATER.

The county is well watered by streams and springs. The principal rivers and streams are the Colorado and Navidad Rivers, Cummins' Creek, Rocky or Harvey's Creek, Ratliff's Creek, Skull Creek, Sandy Creek and others.

POPULATION OF COLORADO COUNTY.

The population of Colorado county is about 22,000—14,000 whites, 8,000 blacks. The whites are rapidly increasing in population, (owing to the great influx of immigration, to the county) and the blacks are rapidly decreasing.

THE COLUMBUS IRON BRIDGE

is one of the most substantial and beautiful bridges in the State. It spans the Colorado river North of the City of Columbus, about three-quarters of a mile from the Courthouse. This bridge was built during the year 1875, by private enterprise; "The Columbus Iron Bridge Company." It speaks well for the enterprise and progressive spirit of the people of Columbus. It is a source of great convenience to the traveling public, and to the industrious and thrifty farmers North and East of the Colorado river.

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We are in daily receipt of a great many letters from all parts of the country, and in order to answer some of the many inquiries made about Colorado county, Texas, we have written this hasty description, and as we have stated nothing but what we know and believe to be true, we trust that those persons who may visit our county will find the same to be correct.

THE CROP PROSPECT FOR 1877

is quite flattering. Corn, cotton, sugar-cane, potatoes, oats, millet and vegetables of all kinds, are looking remarkably well, and we may safely count on a full crop of all kinds this fall.

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79 1/2	"	1 1/2 miles West of Columbus, 10 in cultivation;
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